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29 August 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Briefings of Congressional People on KEYHOLE and OXCART**

1. Me [REDACTED] b  
advise them of various briefings of congressional people on KEYHOLE and OXCART. The following occasions were mentioned:

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a. Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations, 21 August 1961. Briefings on both KEYHOLE and OXCART. Senators present: Russell, Hayden, Stennis, Saltonstall, Byrd, and Mansfield. Also present was William Darden, staff member.

b. 26 July 1961 briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services. While not a briefing on KEYHOLE, questions were asked which came very close to the project. Members present were: Kilday, Bennett, Huddleston, Price, Van Zandt, Wilson, Osmer, and Arends. Staff member, Robert Smart. See Memorandum for the Record of 26 July 1961 which reflects the statements made which did not come through in the transcript.

c. CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services of 10 March 1961. Present were: Kilday, Bennett, Huddleston, Price, Van Zandt, Wilson, Osmer, and Arends. Also staff member, Robert Smart. That portion of the transcript dealing with KEYHOLE has been done as an appendix to the rest of the transcript. I indicated that my memory was that OXCART was also discussed although this does not show in the transcript.

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d. 6 January 1961 hearing before CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations. Present were: Cannon, Mahon, Sheppard, Taber, and Ford. Both OXCART and KEYHOLE were discussed in considerable detail.

e. Informal discussion on 24 August 1961 with General Cabell doing the briefing. Present were Mahon, Ford and Sam Crosby, staff member. The KEYHOLE program was discussed primarily in terms of the results being cranked into estimates and it was not discussed in great a detail.

2. With one exception, no transcripts have been taken of any of these discussions. The exception is the 10 March meeting. However, the reporter was an Agency employee, [redacted] I suggested they may wish to look into the matter of clearance for [redacted] Also I raised the question of clearances for [redacted]

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21 May 1958	CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees  Subject: World Affairs	Allen W. Dulles C. P. Cabell Frank Wisner Robert Amory <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> Lawrence R. Houston	25X1
8 August 1958	CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services  Subject: General World Affairs (Note: This hearing initiated by CIA)	Allen W. Dulles C. P. Cabell John S. Warner	
16 January 1959	CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services  Subject: Review of the World Situation	Allen W. Dulles C. P. Cabell <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 2px 0;"></div> Herbert Scoville John S. Warner	25X1
16 June 1959	CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations  Subject: Review of the World Situation	Allen W. Dulles Robert Amory Lawrence R. Houston	
1960	No Hearings		
As of 21 August 1961 - No Hearings			